

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-15 and add claims 16-20 as follows:

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An illuminable sign (1) comprising:

a first plate (2) comprised of a light-transmitting material, the first plate having a front surface, a rear surface and an edge,

at least one three-dimensional body, ~~such as a convex strip (7), also comprised of~~ a light-transmitting material, the at least one three-dimensional body being in the a form selected from the group consisting of a symbol, lettering, and a decoration or the like, and the at least one three dimensional body being positioned on or over a one of the surfaces of the first plate (2),
and

a light source (4), ~~characterised in that wherein~~ the light source (4) is positioned along at least part of ~~an~~ the edge (3) of the first plate (2), such that, when the light source (4) is switched on, light from the source (4) is coupled into the first plate (2).

2. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 1, wherein the at least part of the first plate (2) or at least those parts of the plate (2) on or over which the at least one three dimensional body (7) is positioned, is made of a transparent material.

3. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the first plate (2) is provided with comprises at least one groove (6) ~~and/or recess in the that~~ forms ~~of~~ at least part of a figure, ~~a sign, a decoration or the like and,~~

wherein the at least one three-dimensional body (7) is ~~positioned~~ disposed in at least part of ~~this the~~ the groove (6) and/or recess or in register therewith.

4. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 3, wherein the at least one groove (6) ~~and/or recess is provided~~ disposed in the front surface of the first plate (2).

5. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein ~~the a~~ depth of the at least one groove (6) ~~or recess varies along the figure, sign, decoration of the like.~~

6. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 5, wherein the depth of the at least one groove (6) ~~or recess increases as the groove extends in a direction~~ away from the light source (4).

7. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according ~~any one of the~~ to claim 1 ~~any one of the~~ claims 3 ~~[[-6]]~~, wherein ~~the a~~ width of at least one the groove (6) is in excess of 3 mm, ~~preferably in excess of 4 mm.~~

8. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 1 ~~any one of the preceding claims, which comprises~~ further comprising a second plate that is at least two parallel or substantially parallel to the first plates (2) of a light transmitting material.

9. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 8, wherein at ~~least two of the first and second~~ plates (2) are each provided with at least one three-dimensional body, ~~such as a convex strip (7), also fabricated from~~ of a light-transmitting material, and which in the forms of a figure, a sign, or a decoration of the like.

10. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~, wherein ~~a further~~ further comprising third plate (20; 21) is provided disposed between the ~~at least two first and second~~ plates (2).

11. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims claim 1, wherein an additional~~ further comprising a second plate (10) of a transparent material is provided disposed over the front surface of the first plate (2).

12. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to claim 11, wherein at least the edge of the second additional plate (10) nearest the light source (4) is optically separated from the said light source (4) so as to prevent light from the light source (4) from coupling directly into the second additional plate (10).

13. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, which ~~comprises~~ further comprising at least two light sources (4, 4') positioned along ~~different, preferably~~ opposite edges of the first plate (2).

14. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the light source (4) has a ~~colour~~ color temperature in excess of 5000K, ~~preferably in excess of 7000K~~.

15. (Currently Amended) Illuminable sign (1) according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the said at least one three-dimensional body (7) ~~is comprised of~~ comprises a paste.

16. (New) Illuminable body of according to claim 15, wherein the paste is a UV-hardened paste.

17. (New) Illuminable body of according to claim 15, wherein the paste is a self-hardened paste.

18. (New) Illuminable sign according to claim 1, wherein the first plate comprises at least one groove that forms at least part of a figure, and,

wherein the at least one three-dimensional body is in matching registry with the groove.

19. (New) Illuminable sign of claim 3 wherein the figure is a sign or decoration.

20. (New) Illuminable sign of claim 18 wherein the figure is a sign or decoration.